



# Microsoft Developer Experience GitHub Copilot Demo

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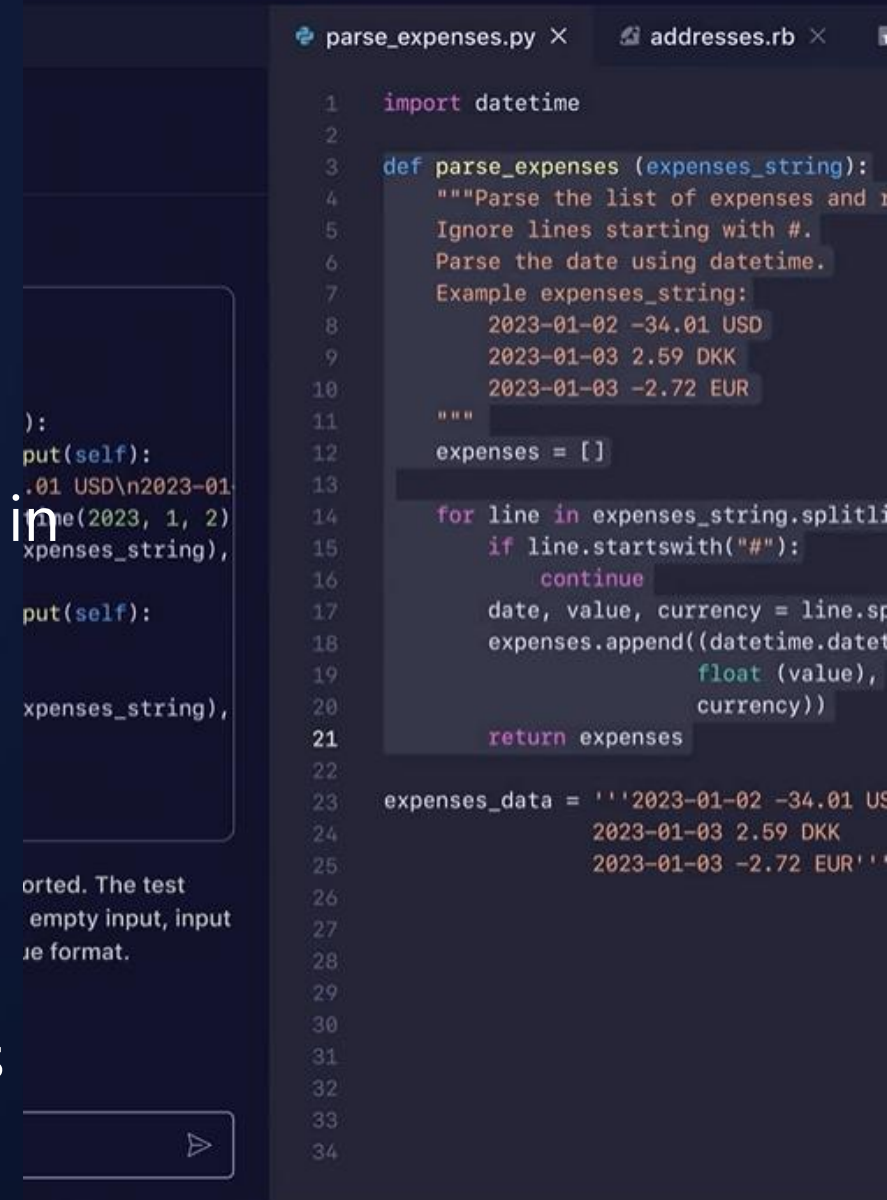
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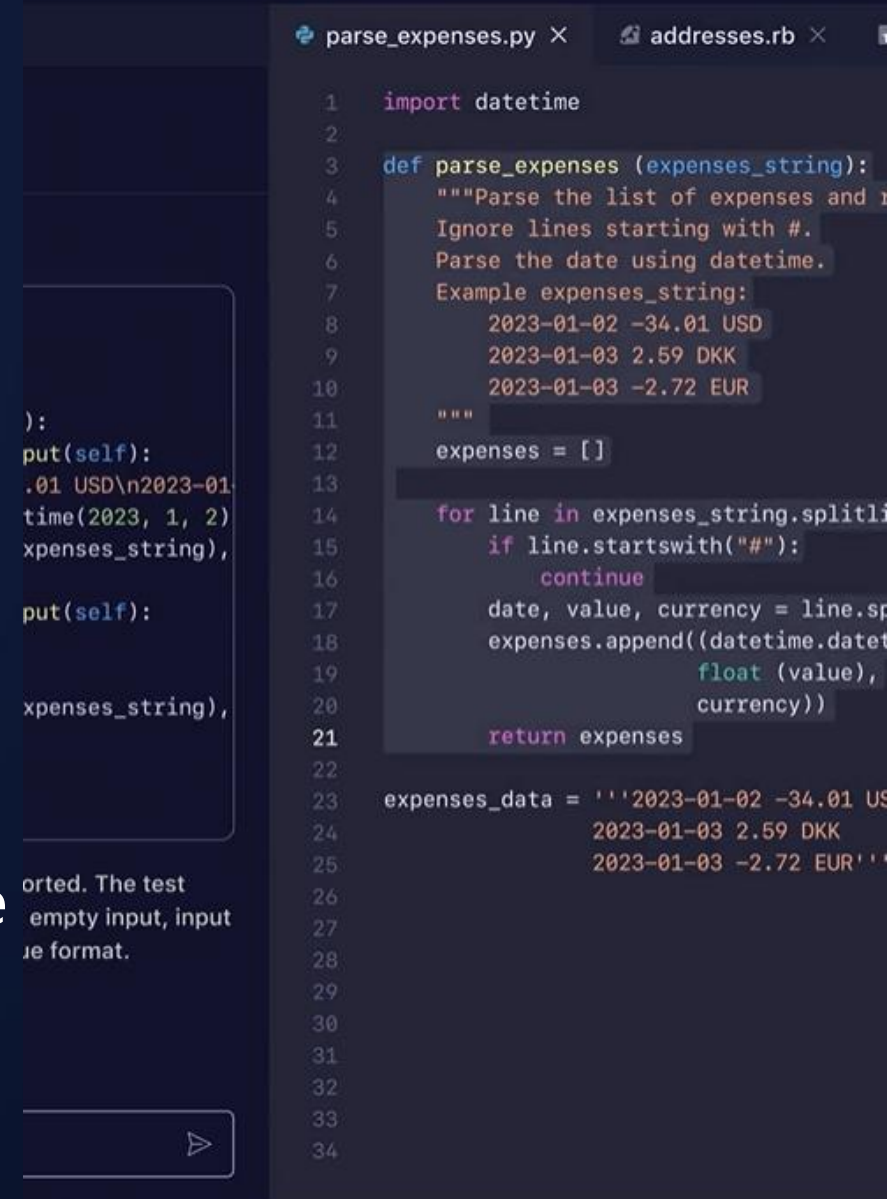
# GitHub CoPilot AI pair-programmer

- AI developer tool, helps write code faster with less work
- Draws context from comments & code to suggest code/functions
- Developers code faster, focus on solving problems, stay in context & feel more fulfilled with their work
- Powered by OpenAI Codex, generative pretrained language models
- Visual Studio Code, Visual Studio, Neovim, and the JetBrains suite of integrated development environments (IDEs).



# GitHub CoPilot prompt engineering (4s')

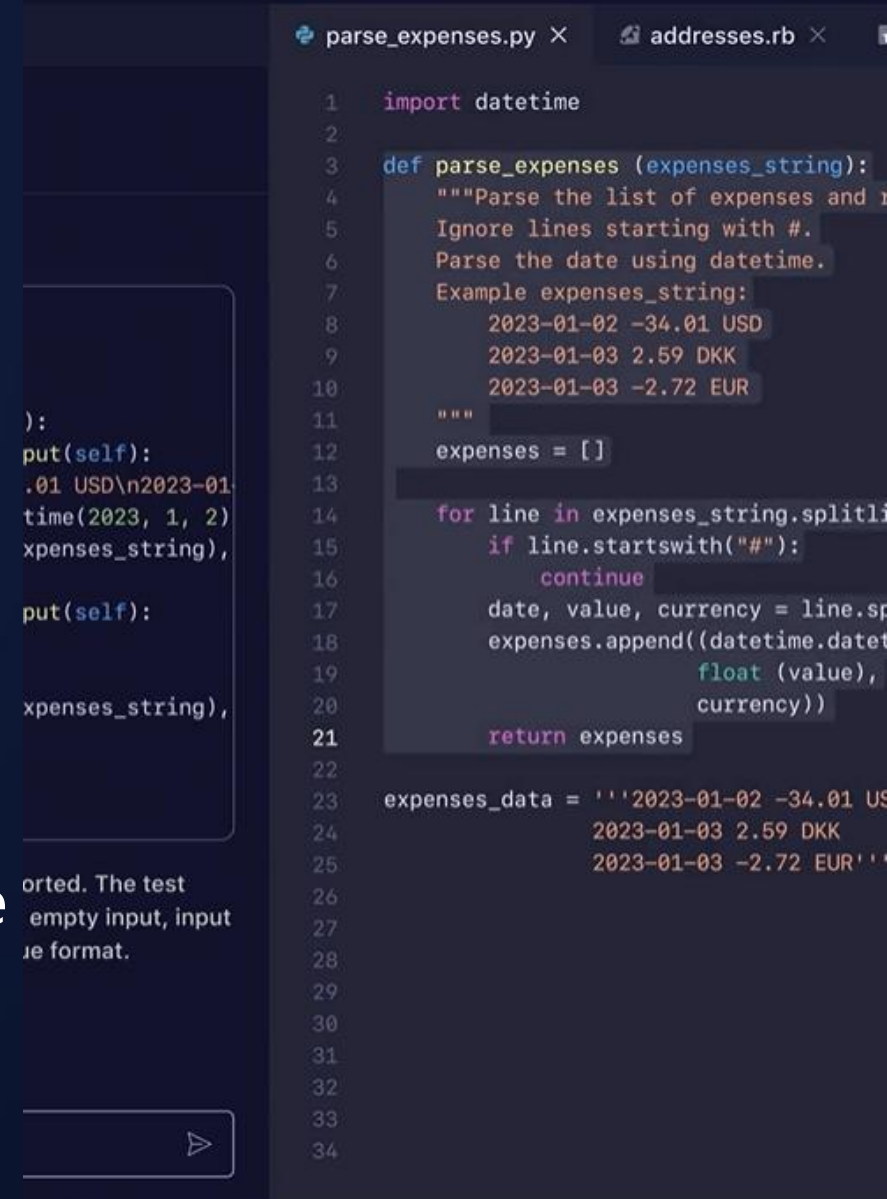
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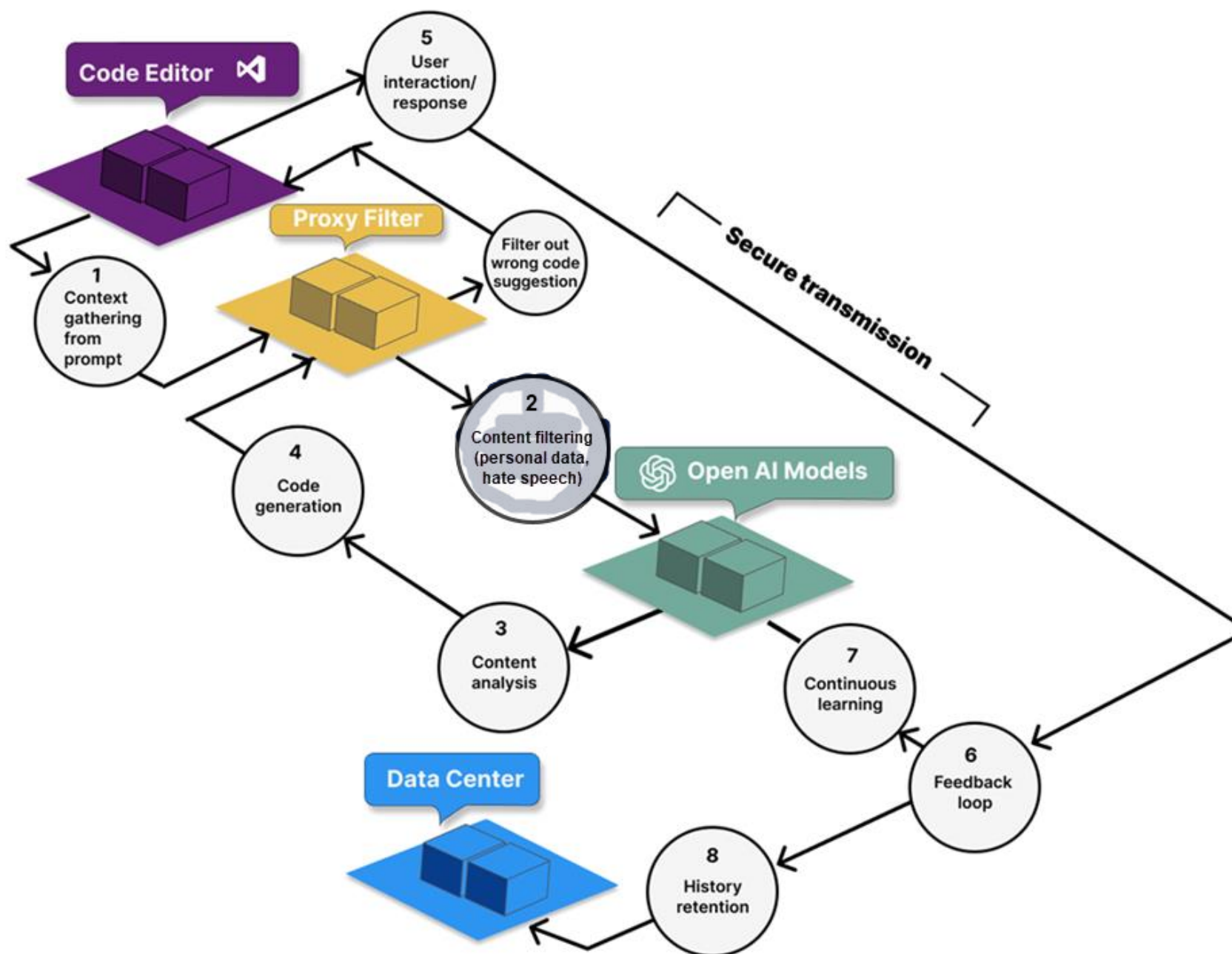
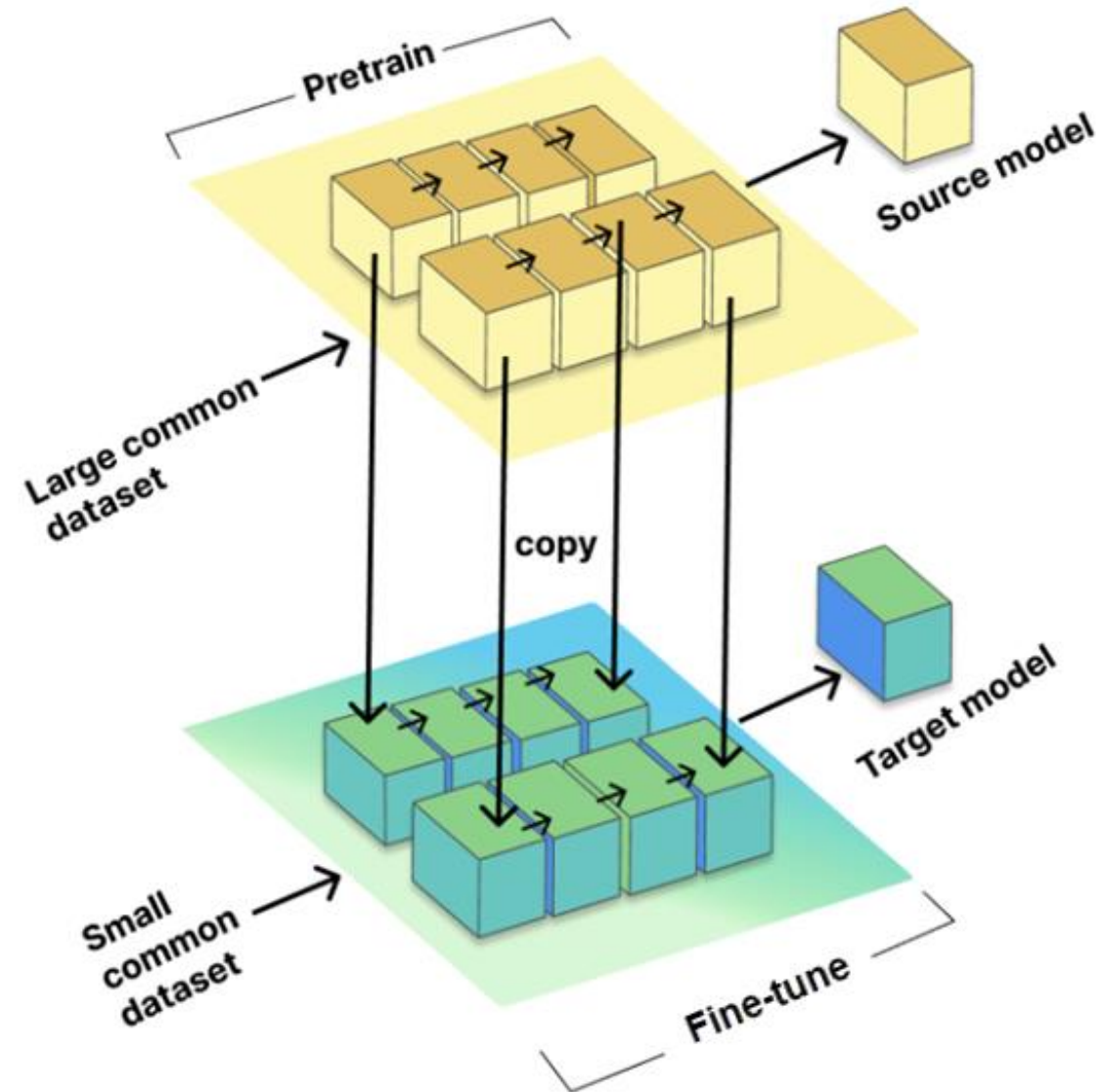


Illustration of Copilot Prompt Processing Flow



# What is Fine-tuning?



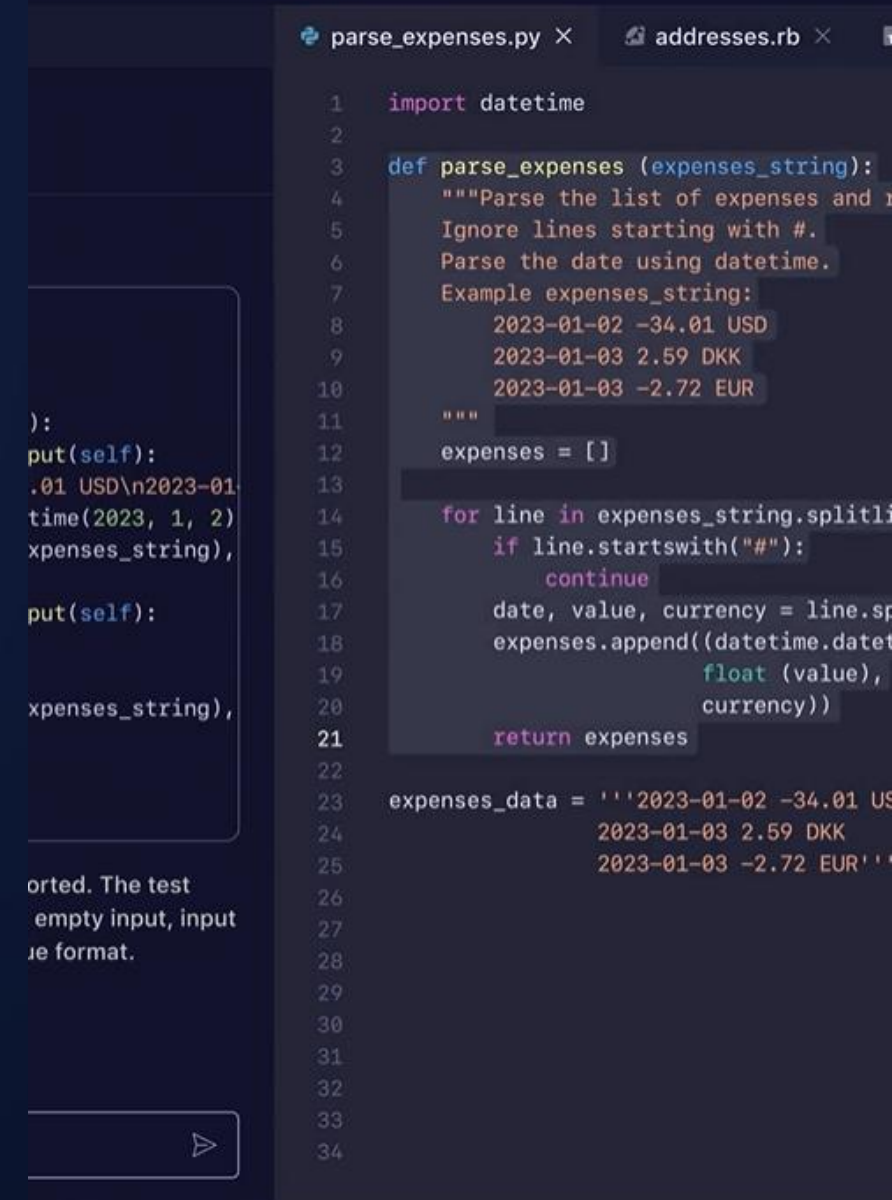


# GitHub CoPilot Emphasis Items

- CoPilot is exactly that, co-pilot, not a replacement
- Training data, hints & suggestions
  - IOW: sometimes, recommendations are wrong
- Predictive, based on semantics & context

## Developer is PIC

- Design patterns & structure
- Coding standards, source management & style
- Context & snippets must be vetted for expected output



# GitHub Copilot Scenario

1

Feature pulled from backlog for Sprint

2

Peer development team lacks required **time** & **experience** to implement feature

3

Director requested assistance to implement

4

Complete within 3 days & handoff to team for integration

# Feature requirements

1

Develop a compute service endpoint in Azure?

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Requires a secure method to store secrets?

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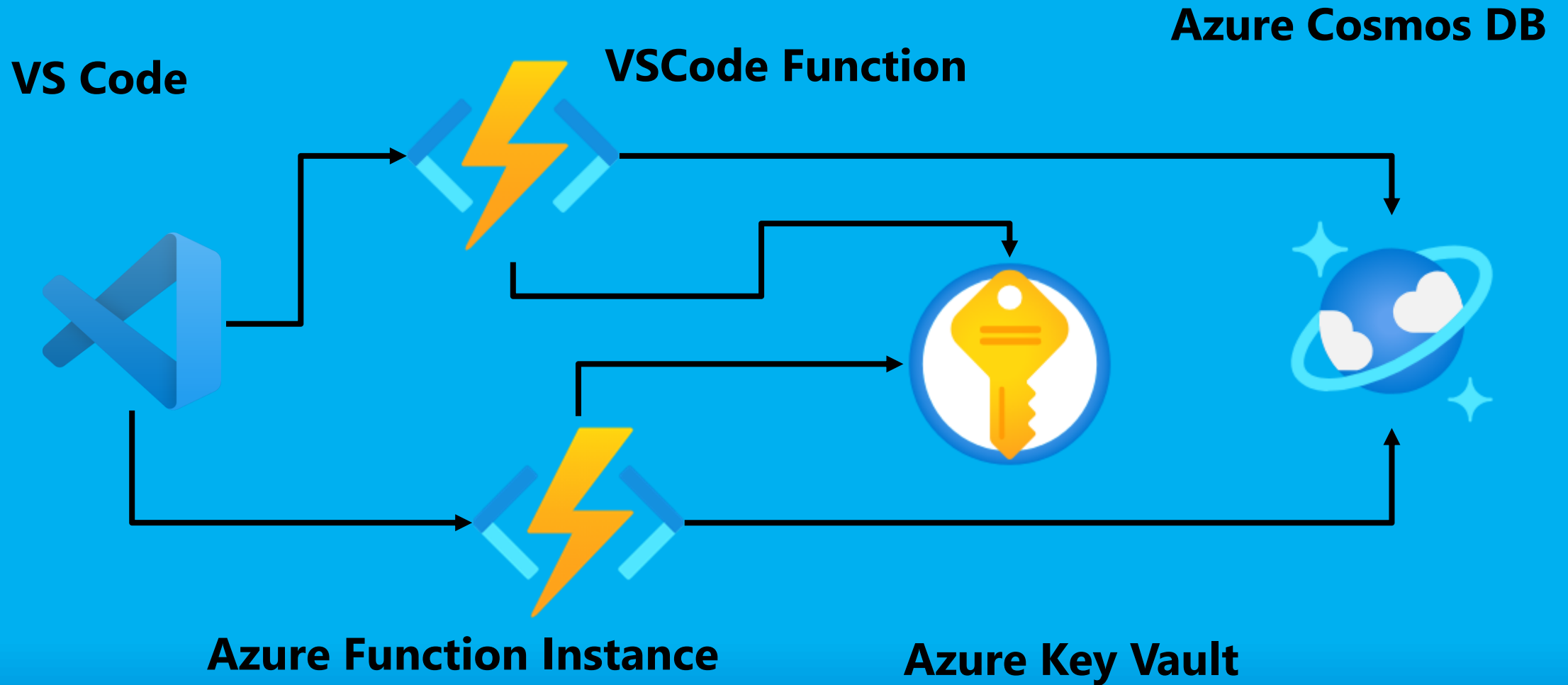
Persist data to Cosmos DB?

4

Service must be scalable to handle dynamic workloads?



# Conceptual Architecture Diagram



# Let's fail fast, VS Code & CoPilot



## TRADITIONAL APPROACH

- Microsoft Learn Modules: ~15 hours
- Quick Start Modules: 3-4 hours
- Stackoverflow
- W3Schools, etc ....
- Training: internal, external, Udemy, LinkedIn

Ask a question or type '/' for commands

# Quick start questions, considerations

- Azure Service: [Azure compute decision tree](#)?
- Visual Studio Code Extensions?
- .NET packages required?
- Prototype, scaling, REST endpoint?
- Securely manage, access a secret?
- Store persistent data?
- Challenges
  - ✓ Learning curve & .NET language
  - ✓ KeyVault URI & Secret
    - secret squirrel nut stash
  - ✓ CosmosDB & Container name

Virtual Joel



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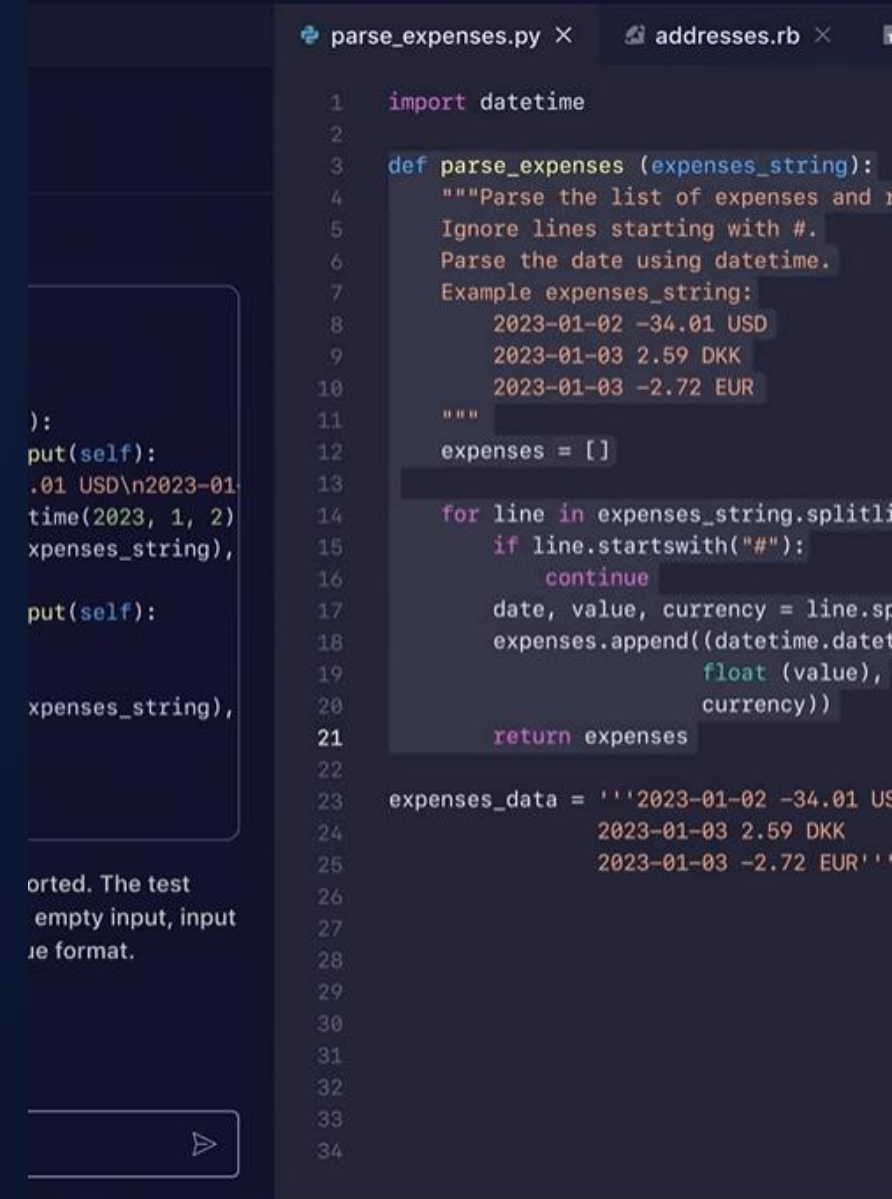
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